GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:363
ANSWERED ON:11.08.2016
Allocation of Coal
Wanaga Shri Chintaman Navsha

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received any proposals/requests from the State Governments for enhanced allocation of coal particularly from Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of the proposals/requests received, cleared and those pending during the above period along with the reasons therefor, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure the regular supply of coal to the thermal power stations so as to facilitate uninterrupted power supply particularly in the backward areas of the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL, POWER, NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a)to(d):A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Q.No.363 for answer on 11.08.2016 asked by ADV. CHINTAMAN NAVASHA WANAGA and SHRI SANKAR PRASAD DATTA:

(a)to(c): The Government has received proposals/requests from State Governments for enhanced allocation of coal. Details of requests received by Government as per records areat Annexure I.
Many of these states have been allocated coal blocks to improve domestic coal availability. State/UT-wise list of coal blocks allotted by the Ministry is at Annexure −II.

Guidelines for grant of "Bridge Linkage" to specified end use plants of Central and State Public Sector undertakings (PSUs) [Both in Power as well as Non-Power sector] which have been allotted Schedule-III coal mines under the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act, 2015 and coal blocks allotted under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation Act, 1957) were issued on 08.02.2016.

'Bridge linkage' acts like a short term linkage to bridge the gap between requirement of coal of a specified end use plant of Central and State PSUs and the start of production from the linked coal mine/block. Bridge linkages have been granted to 25 Power Stations located in 9 States are at Annexure −III.

(d): Coal supplies to Power Utility sector is monitored regularly by an Inter-Ministerial Sub-Group comprising representatives of Ministry of Power, Ministry of Coal and Ministry of Railways constituted by the Infrastructure Constraints Review Committee of Cabinet Secretariat. This Sub-Group takes various operational decisions for meeting any contingent situations relating to Power sector including critical coal stock position.
In addition to the above the following measures have been taken by Government of India to ensure regular supply of coal to the Thermal Power Plants.

i. Multi-dimensional efforts are underway by Coal India Limited to substantially enhance coal production to meet the coal requirement. As on 08.08.2016, coal stock for 23 days is available with Thermal Power Stations.

ii. Special Window of e- auction exclusively for power sector, opened to make coal available for those power plants which are stressed or in short supply of coal for the reason that they do not have coal block or linkages or do not have long-term PPAs.
In 2015-16, a quantity of 13.79 Million Tonne and in 2016-17, a quantity of 12.448 MT ofcoal was made available through auction in Special Forward e-Auction for Power Sector.
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